

ROBERT PIRANI

Robert Pirani is the Program Director for the New York – New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program (HEP) for the Hudson River Foundation. HEP is a collaboration of government, scientists, and the civic sector that helps protect and restore the Harbor's waters and habitat. It is one of 28 such programs around the country authorized under the Clean Water Act. EPA awarded the contract to manage HEP to the Hudson River Foundation, a distinguished non-profit organization dedicated to supporting scientific management and stewardship of the River and its watershed. As Program Director, Mr. Pirani's responsibilities are to secure resources and manage the Program's staff and functional committees to achieve the goals described in the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan and subsequent Action Agenda.

Work History

Regional Plan Association: <i>Vice President for Energy and Environment</i>	1986 - 2014
Governors Island Alliance: <i>Executive Director</i>	2005 - 2013
Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission	1985
National Audubon Society	1984
Connecticut River Watershed Council	1981, 1983
Massachusetts Cooperative Fishery Research Unit	1982

Boards and Professional Appointments

Current member of the board of directors of the Governors Island Alliance (founder), Brooklyn Greenway Initiative (former Chair), and the Friends of Columbia Secondary School (New York). Past and current appoints include the New York City Wetlands Transfer Task Force (co-chair), American Planning Association Metro Chapter Awards Committee (past co-chair), NY-NJ Harbor Coalition, Highlands Coalition, Governors Island Advisory Council, Metro Forest Council, New York State Environmental Leaders Group, New York State Sea Level Rise Task Force, the New York State Open Space Conservation Plan - Region II Advisory Board, the National Parks Conservation Association Regional Advisory Board, Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance Leadership Council, New York City Waterfront Advisory Board, and the New York Harbor School Professional Advisory Committee.

Academic

Lecturer at Columbia, CUNY, Cornell, Pratt Institute, New School for Social Research, New York University, NJIT, Rutgers, and Politecnico di Milano. Former faculty at Pratt Institute.	
Cornell University City and Regional Planning	MRP, 1989
Hampshire College	BA, 1982

Awards

2011 New York Harbor School Foundation
2003 Advocate of the Year Award, Environmental Advocates of New York
2003 President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation/National Trust for Historic Preservation Joint Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation.
1985 Teaching Assistant, Cornell University, City and Regional Planning